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EXISTING CITY OWNED DEVELOPMENTS

INTRODUCTION

A field survey of the City's existing parks and recreation facilities was conducted in July of 2008. After the field survey, a table was created to inventory the City of Lakeland City-Owned Recreation Facilities (Table 1, Below).

In total, the City of Lakeland features six public recreation facilities, totaling just over 100 acres of land. The location of each facility is shown in Exhibit I: Existing City-Owned Parks (Page 14). A profile of each facility is included on the following pages.

TABLE 1: 2009 EXISTING FACILITY/ACTIVITY INVENTORY (CITY-OWNED PARKS)								
ACTIVITIES	UNITS	CITY HALL	I.H. PARK	OAK RIDGE	PLANT. HILLS	WIN. SLOPES	ZADIE E. KUEHL	COOL SPRINGS
Baseball	Fields							
Softball	Fields							
Basketball	Goals							
Bicycling	Miles							
Mountain Biking	Miles		3					
Football	Fields							
Soccer	Fields							
Walking/ Jogging Trails	Miles	0.2	2.8	0.4		0.4	0.2	1.2
Natural Areas	Acres		60		0.5	0.3		
Open Space	Acres	3		3.3		1.23	0.01	
Lake	Acres		5	0.83				
Picnic Sites	Tables	14	22	1	4		10	
Group Shelter/ Pavilion	Each	1	1	1		1	1	
Playground/ Tot Lot	2,500 S.F. Playground	1 (5,000 S.F.)			1	1	1	
Tennis	Courts					2		
Swimming Pools	Pools							

CITY HALL PARK

This 4-acre park is located next to Lakeland City Hall on Highway 70 and contains a pavilion with picnic tables, grills, restrooms, drinking fountains, paved parking, a paved jogging trail, and a playground area. Almost 3 of the park's 4 acres are devoted to open space, including a large area for soccer and an open area with a backstop. The 1/5 mile jogging trail winds through the perimeter of the park, mainly staying under the shade of the tree line. The playground area contains two play structures and two sets of swing sets.



I. H. MANAGERIAL

Once owned by the employees of International Harvester, this 65-acre tract of land located on Canada Road is now Lakeland's largest city park. The park features a 5-acre lake, rolling hills, jogging, biking, and hiking trails through wooded areas, picnicking, a pavilion, and portable restrooms. One of the main facilities at I.H. Park is the I.H. Clubhouse. This facility has recently been turned over to the City of Lakeland for management and programming.

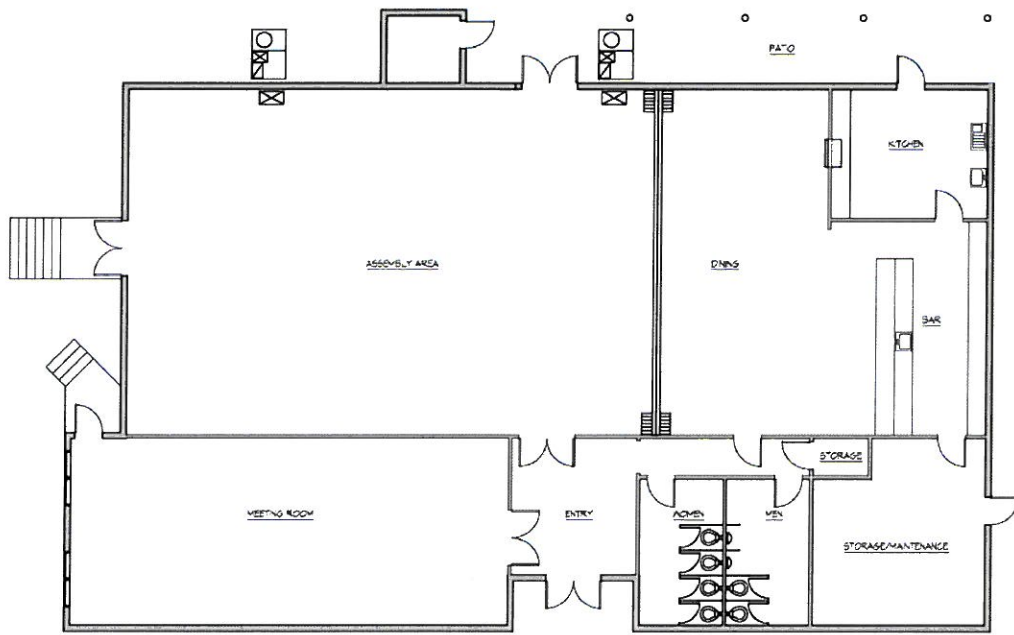


The I.H. Clubhouse is approximately 5,500 square feet. The building contains:

1. Large Assembly Room (2,900 s.f.)
2. Kitchen (180 s.f.)
3. Open Bar (240 s.f.)
4. Restrooms
5. Entry Lobby
6. Storage/Utility Area
7. A Private Meeting Room (not accessible to the public)

The General appearance of the building is good. The building is composed of steel joists and column construction and appears to be a Type IV construction, non-sprinklered building. The roof appears to be in adequate shape, but the interior finishes are extremely out-dated. The public restroom may be adequate for assembly occupancy, but further investigation is needed. Entries appear to be ADA accessible with minor upgrades.





1 EXISTING FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



OAK RIDGE PARK

Accessed through the Heron's Ridge subdivision, this 15-acre park is a combination of parkland dedicated by the Heron's Ridge and Oakwood subdivisions. Current improvements include a gazebo, a wooded walking path connecting the neighborhoods and the nearby school, and parking. Oak Ridge Park's future improvements include playground equipment and trails (not yet scheduled). This park also marks the beginning of what will become the City's greenways system.



PLANTATION HILLS

This small 3-acre neighborhood park contains land federally designated as wetland. The park has playground equipment and picnic tables and can be accessed either through a drive off of Hadley Road or a trail off of Bluebird Hill Cove.



WINDWARD SLOPES

The newest addition to the Lakeland Parks System, Windward Slopes is an 11-acre park located on Beverle Rivera Drive. The park includes a 1/3 mile walking trail, parking, a playground with misters, a pavilion, two tennis courts, a ball wall, open space, and restrooms. There are also existing wetlands, which have been preserved. Future improvements include a boardwalk and observation deck in the wetlands area.



ZADIE E. KUEHL MEMORIAL PARK

This 3-acre neighborhood park is located on Yukon Drive in the Canada Woods subdivision. The park offers a playground, 1/5 mile jogging trail, pavilion with picnic tables, grills, and a drinking fountain. The park also has been certified by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council and the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs as a Level 1 Tennessee Certified Arboretum with a minimum of 30 different trees identified and labeled.



COOL SPRINGS TRAIL

Located in Cool Springs Neighborhood off of Seed Tick Road, this 1.2 mile trail winds alongside a residential road and into a wooded area with wildflowers planted on one side.



EXHIBIT I:
EXISTING CITY-OWNED PARKS

